



State of Tennessee Department of Children's Services

Administrative Policies and Procedures: 23.2

Subject: Department of Children's Services Facility
Environmental Conditions

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Local Procedures: No

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Application

To All Department of Children's Services Facility Employees

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Policy

All Department of Children's Services facilities shall maintain clean and healthful working and living environments that comply with Department of Health or local equivalent agency regulations.

Procedures

A. Environmental conditions

The following environmental conditions must be tested every three years or as modifications are made to the facility.

1. Airflow must be at least 15 cubic feet of outside or re-circulated air per minute per person in all living units, workstations, and dining areas.
2. Temperatures in indoor living and work areas are appropriate to summer and winter comfort zones.
3. Noise levels in youth development center living units do not exceed 70 dBA (A scale) in daytime hours or 45 dBA (A scale) in nighttime hours.

4. Hot water temperatures should be no less than 100° F and no more than 120° F for showers.
5. Lighting levels must be at least 20-foot candles at desk level and in the personal grooming area.
6. The facility's potable water source and supply is approved by an independent outside source to be in compliance with jurisdictional laws and regulations.

Forms

None

Collateral Documents

None.

Standards

ACA 3-JTS-4B-03

ACA 3-JTS-2C-08

ACA 3-JTS-2D-01

ACA 3-JTS-2D-03

ACA 3-JTS-2D-04

ACA 3-JCRF-2D-02

ACA 3-JCRF-2D-05

ACA 3-JCRF-2D-01

ACA 3-JCRF-2D-02

ACA 3-JCRF-4B-04

DCS Practice Model Standard – 8-306